

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraph into Paragraph [0041] and Paragraph [0042] on page 3 of the application as published:

[0042] FIG. 11d is a diagram of communicating devices on an Arbitrated Loop attached to a Loop Switch.

Please insert the following paragraphs into Paragraph [0066] and Paragraph [0067] on page 3 of the application as published:

[0067] FIG. 28 shows a string of loop switches.

[0068] FIG. 29 shows a tree and string of loop switches.

[0069] FIG. 30 shows a string of loop switches.

[0070] FIG. 31 shows a string of loop switches.

[0071] FIG. 32 shows a string of loop switches.

[0072] FIG. 33 shows a string of loop switches.

[0073] FIG. 34 shows a string of loop switches.

[0074] FIG. 35 is a flow chart relating to an HBA and the winning of arbitration in cascaded loop switches.